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TAGS: PDEV, VS

SUBJECT: GERMAN HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE VIET CONG

1. DR. JORG VON UTHMANN OF THE GERMAN EMBASSY INFORMED US MARCH 24 THAT THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE BUNDESTAG HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING DISTRIBUTION OF HUMANITARIAN AID FUNDS TO INDO- CHINA IN THE POST- CEASEFIRE AID SITUATION: GVN--4 MILLION MARKS; DRV--3.9 MILLION MARKS; " VIET CONG"--60,000 MARKS; CAMBODIA--700,000 MARKS; LAOS--1.3 MILLION MARKS; TOTAL--9,960,000 MARKS.
 2. UTHMANN EXPRESSED DISMAY THAT THE VIET CONG WERE LISTED AS RECEIVING HUMANITARIAN AID. HE WAS MOST DISTRESSED THAT THIS WOULD BE MISUNDERSTOOD BY THE USG, SINCE HIS GOVERNMENT AND OURS RECOGNIZE ONLY ONE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM, THE GVN. HE TOLD US CONFIDENTIALLY THAT HE IS SENDING IN A STRONG CABLE TO BONN MAKING THE POINT THAT TO GIVE ASSISTANCE DIRECTLY TO THE VIET CONG WOULD HARM BONN'S RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON.
 3. SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT AND/ OR EMBASSY BONN RAISE THIS MATTER WITH GERMAN GOVERNMENT.
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